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TAGS: OREP (DIGGS, CHARLES), ZA
SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS VISIT TO ZAMBIA

1. SUMMARY: CODEL DIGGS HAD BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL THREE-
DAY VISIT TO ZAMBIA. HIGH POINTS WERE CODEL'S MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA, PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH CENTRAL
COMMITTEE MEMBER ELIJAH MUDENDA AND MINISTER OF
PLANNING AND FINANCE CHIKWANDA, AND PRIVATE
MEETING WITH MPLA PRESIDENT NETO. IN TV INTER-
VIEW WHICH DWELT EXCLUSIVELY ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN
ISSUES CODEL LAUDED GULF OIL MANAGEMENT IN CABINDA
AND PREDICTED REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT BY APRIL.
END SUMMARY.

2. CHAIRMAN DIGGS AND HFAC AFRICAN SUBCOMMITTEE CON-
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ZAMBIANS DURING THEIR JAN 3-FEB 3 VISIT. EMBASSY
HAD INITIALLY ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS IN LINING UP
HIGH-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS DUE TO WEEKEND, JAN 31
PRESENTATION OF BUDGET TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ABSENCE
FROM COUNTRY UNTIL JAN 29 OF PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN
MINISTER, AND BUREAUCRATIC INEPTITUDE OF FOREIGN
MINISTRY PROTOCOL OFFICIALS. AS IT WAS, SCHEDULE
EVENTUALLY DROPPED INTO PLACE AND CODEL DEPARTED
ZAMBIA PLEASED BOTH WITH LEVEL AND WARMTH OF HIS
RECEIPTION WITHIN GRZ AND WITH ASSISTANCE RENDERED
HIM BY THIS EMBASSY.

3. HIGHLIGHTS OF VISIT WERE CHAIRMAN DIGGS' SUNDAY
NOON MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA (REPORTED LUSAKA
205) AND PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH CENTRAL COMMITTEE
FOREIGN POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND FORMER
FOREIGN MINISTER ELIJAH MUDENDA AND WITH MINISTER
OF PLANNING AND FINANCE ALEX CHIKWANDA. CODEL
SAW MUDENDA ALONE BUT AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED HIM
TO SUNDAY MORNING SESSION WITH CHIKWANDA AT LATTER'S
HOME. DISCUSSION WITH CHIKWANDA FORCUSED ON DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRY'S BUDGETARY PROBLEMS WITH WORLD
INFLATION AND ENERGY CRISES AND ZAMBIA'S HOPE OF
EXIM BANK HELP IN FINANCING BOEING AIRCRAFT PUR-
CHASES. CHIKWANDA URGED MORE ACTIVE U.S. ROLE
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

4. FEB 1 LUNCHEON IN CODEL'S HONOR WITH SOME TWO
DOZEN MP'S AND CABINET MINISTERS WAS ARRANGED BY
MP WILA MUNG'OMBA. CODEL WAS INVITED TO DISCUSS
TONE AND INTERESTS OF NEW US CONGRESS AND TO REVIEW
RESULTS OF HIS TRIP TO AFRICA, WHICH HE DID. IN
ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM FLOOR, CODEL SIDE-STEPPED
REQUEST FOR HIS VIEWS ON WHETHER UK SHOULD PARTICIPATE
IN RHODESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AND SOUGHT
PLACATE FEARS THAT US MIGHT BECOME ALLY OF SOUTH AFRICA
IN EVENT GUERRILLA WARFARE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
SHOULD ESCALATE. PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE TROUBLED BY
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS ABOUT USE OF FORCE IN
EVENT OF ECONOMIC STRANGULATION OF WEST'S ECONOMY
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BY OIL PRODUCING NATIONS. QUESTIONS INDICATED MUCH
MISINFORMATION ABOUT WHAT SECRETARY HAD ACTUALLY SAID
AND HYPOTHETICAL NATURE OF SITUATION HE DESCRIBED.
CODEL'S REPLY FOCUSED ON U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS.
(COMMENT: IN LIGHT OBVIOUS CONCERN AND SCANTY
KNOWLEDGE EXHIBITED BY PARLIAMENTARIANS ON THIS
ISSUE, AMBASSADOR HAS SINCE TAKEN STEPS BRING
ESSENTIAL FACTS OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY STATEMENTS ON THIS

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MATTER TO ATTENTION OF EACH OF THOSE PARLIAMENTARIANS PRESENT.)

5. CODEL ARRANGED ON HIS OWN TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH MPLA LEADER AGOSTINHO NETO, FELLOW GUEST IN LUSAKA INTERCONTINENTAL. WITH EMBASSY HELP, HE ALSO HAD PRIVATE CHATS WITH RHODESIAN ANC-ZAPU OFFICIAL EDWARD NDHLOVU AND WITH SWAPO INFORMATION SECRETARY ANDREAS SHIPANGA. NDHLOVU LEFT WITH CODEL PAPER ON PROPOSED ANC POLITICAL EDUCATION PROJECT IN RHODESIA FOR WHICH OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE VALUED AT RHODESIAN DOLS 54,000 BEING SOUGHT. AS CHAIRMAN DIGGS DID NOT BRIEF US TO ANY EXTENT ON SUBSTANCE OF THESE TALKS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH ASK HIM ABOUT THEM UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

6. FEB 1 BUFFET DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENT IN CODEL'S HONOR ENABLED HIM TO CONVERSE WITH PRESIDENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR MARK CHONA, MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVT AND HOUSING MATOKA, MIN OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SILWIZYA (ZAMBIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO AAI KINSHASA CONFERENCE), AND NUMBER OF OTHER DISTINGUISHED ZAMBIANS. BRUNCH NEXT DAY AT DCM RESIDENCE PERMITTED HIM TO DISCUSS WITH UNDP, UNHCR, IBRD, AND UNICEF REPRESENTATIVES STATUS OF UN AID PROGRAMS FOR ZAMBIA AND TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

7. AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE UPON HIS ARRIVAL, CODEL PRAISED PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S CONTRIBUTION TO LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SCORED REFUSALS BY SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN GOVERNMENTS TO ALLOW HIM TO VISIT THOSE COUNTRIES. COPIES OF PREPARED STATEMENT RE SOUTH AFRICAN VISA REFUSAL (LM'S 112) WERE DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS. CODEL WAS ALSO GUEST ON SUNDAY EVENING HALF-HOUR PRIME TIME ZAMBIAN TV INTERVIEW PROGRAM. QUESTIONS DEALT ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. CODEL MENTIONED THAT HE HAD CABLED GULF OIL HEADQUARTERS IN PITTSBURGH TO URGE ISSUANCE OF UNEQUIVOCAL CORPORATE STATEMENT OF

SUPPORT FOR ANGOLA'S PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO LAUDED COMPANY'S MANAGEMENT IN CABINDA AND ESPECIALLY RECENT APPOINTMENT OF BLACK AMERICAN TO SENIOR POSITION THERE. CODEL EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE RHODESIA WILL ACHIEVE MAJORITY RULE BY END OF 1975; SAID US INVESTMENT SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIA UNCHANGED AND EXPLAINED IN SOME DETAIL LIMITATIONS ON USG ABILITY TO CONTROL PRIVATE AMERICAN INVESTMENTS THERE; AND PREDICTED NEW CONGRESS WOULD REPEAL BYRD AMENDMENT IN MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. HE ALSO GAVE PLUG FOR NEW USIS CULTURAL CENTER TO BE OPENED IN LUSAKA LATER THIS YEAR AND DISCLOSED PUBLICLY FOR FIRST TIME PLANS TO NAME IT IN HONOR LATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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